Vaccinations

Vaccines are essential for keeping your cat healthy. Even indoor-only cats can be exposed to diseases, many of which are airborne and can be brought inside. Vaccines help protect against these diseases.

Most common types of cat vaccinations:

- **FVRCP:** Feline Rhinotracheatis-Calcivirus-Panleukopenia Virus

This is a combination vaccine for:

  - **FVR** Feline Viral Rhinotracheatis (Feline Herpes): severe, contagious upper respiratory virus that is dangerous to kittens and older cats.
  - **C** Calcivirus: there are several strains, causing a range of illnesses from mild infection to life-threatening pneumonia.
  - **P** Panleukopenia (Distemper): highly contagious disease, moves quickly through the system. Young kittens have a very high mortality rate, although cats of any age can develop this it. Panleukopenia may remain active in the environment for up to a year without a host.

- **FeLV: Feline Leukemia Virus**
  The FeLV disease impairs the cat's immune system and causes certain types of cancer. This virus infection is the leading cause of death of household cats, and can be transmitted between cats.

- **RV: Rabies Vaccine**
  Rabies is an acute viral infection of the central nervous system which can affect most mammals. While cases of cats with rabies are rare, this disease is almost always fatal and can be spread through saliva — through fights/biting, or eating an infected animal.

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Schedule of Cat and Kitten Vaccinations

Every AVA rescue cat and kitten is given age-appropriate vaccinations along with being neutered/spayed, microchipped, and dewormed/de-fleaed/de-mited.

Always check with your veterinarian about the schedule and types of core and non-core vaccines for your cat or kitten. Below is a common schedule of core vaccinations:

AGE	VACCINATION TYPE
8 weeks	FVRCP
10-12 weeks	FVRCP
14-16 weeks	FVRCP, RV
1 year	FVRCP, RV
Annually	FVRCP
Every three years	FVRCP, RV

Watch for side effects after vaccinations:

- fever
- swelling at the injection site, or on the face
- lethargy
- loss of appetite
- vomiting
- diarrhea

All kittens and cats should have appropriate vaccinations, de-worming and other preventions. For example, Revolution treats or controls fleas, prevents heartworm, ear mites, roundworm, and hookworm. Revolution can be used on nursing moms, pregnant cats, and kittens over eight (8) weeks of age.

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